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FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received project proposals from various States for development of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a),(b) & (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme, which is mainly aimed at development of forests. The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralised institutional set up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. As on 31.10.2006, 715 FDA projects has been approved out of 751 project proposals received from States at the total cost of Rs. 1521.10 crores to cover a project area of 9.24 hectares through 23,750 JFMCs. The State-wise details of FDA project proposals received and approved are given in Annexure. The pending proposals will be approved subject to their suitability according to the Guidelines of NAP Scheme and availability of funds.